

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Permit 21033 (Application 30483)

James Nichelini and Kathy Nichelini

ORDER REVOKING PERMIT

SOURCE: (2) Unnamed Stream tributary to (1) Sage Creek thence Conn Creek thence Napa River

COUNTY: Napa

WHEREAS:

1. James Nichelini and Kathy Nichelini (Permittees) are the water right holders of water right Permit 21033.
2. Permit 21033 authorizes the collection of 25 acre-feet per year to from December 15 to March 31 of the succeeding year. The time to make full beneficial use of water under Permit 21033 elapsed on December 31, 2009.
3. On February 24, 2010, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), received a signed (by Permittee) Revocation Request form for Permit 21033.
4. The reservoir covered by Permit 21033 has not been built. Division staff spoke with Kathy Nichelini on May 15, 2010, who confirmed that the reservoir has not been built. Aerial photos also support this claim.
5. By signing the voluntary request for revocation, Permittee waived the right to the hearing and notice requirements set forth in Water Code sections 1410 and 1410.1.

THEREFORE:

It is ordered that Permit 21033 is hereby revoked by the State Water Board, and the water is declared to be subject to appropriation. This revocation may not result in additional water being available for new appropriations if there are applicable restrictions due to past State Water Board decisions regarding water availability.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
JOHN O'HAGAN FOR:

Victoria A. Whitney, Chief
Division of Water Rights

Dated: MAY 19 2010

California Environmental Protection Agency

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PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT **21033**

Application 30483 of

James and Kathy Nichelini
2349 Lower Chiles Valley Road
St. Helena, CA 94574

filed on **September 29, 1995** has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source of water

Tributary to:

#1 Sage Creek

Conn Creek

#2 Unnamed Stream

Sage Creek thence Conn Creek thence

Napa River

within the County of **Napa**

2. Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinates in Zone: 2	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
POD #1 North 306,000 feet and East 1,914,900 feet	NW¼ of NW¼	34	8N	4W	MD
POD #2 North 305,600 feet and East 1,914,350 feet	NW¼ of NW¼	34	8N	4W	MD

3. Purpose of use:	4. Place of use:	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Recreation at Reservoir	NW¼ of NW¼	34	8N	4W	MD	
Irrigation, Frost Protection, Heat Control	NW¼ of NW¼	34	8N	4W	MD	14
	NE¼ of NE¼	33	8N	4W	MD	6

The place of use is shown on map on file with the SWRCB.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 25 acre-feet to be collected from December 15 to March 31 of each year.

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6. This permit does not authorize collection of water to storage outside of the specified season to offset evaporation and seepage losses or for any other purpose.

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7. The maximum rate of diversion to offstream storage shall not exceed 1 cubic feet per second.

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8. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.

(0000006)

9. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 31, 2009.

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10. Permittee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB, the Department of Fish and Game, and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said Board or Department, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.

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11. For the protection of fish and wildlife, permittee shall during the period from December 15 through March 31 bypass a minimum of 0.68 cubic feet per second at point of diversion #1 on Sage Creek. No diversion shall be allowed if that diversion would cause the flow in Sage Creek to be reduced below the required bypass flow. The total streamflow shall be bypassed whenever it is less than the designated amount.

The permittee shall submit a Compliance Plan, satisfactory to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights, which describes how the bypass flows required by the conditions of this permit will be measured and maintained. Once the Compliance Plan has been reviewed, modified, if necessary, and accepted, it shall be implemented by the permittee. The Plan shall include measuring locations, monitoring devices, data collection frequency and reporting schedules. The Plan shall provide the means for promptly notifying the Chief of the Division of Water Rights of any violations of the terms of this permit. All monitoring devices and flow bypass facilities shall be kept in good working order. The Compliance Plan may be updated as necessary upon approval by or direction of the Chief of the Division of Water Rights.

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12. This permit shall not be construed as conferring upon the permittee right of access to the point of diversion.

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13. Permittee shall install and maintain an outlet pipe of adequate capacity in the dam as near as practicable to the bottom of the natural stream channel, or provide other means satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board, in order that water entering the reservoir which is not authorized for appropriation under this permit can be released. Before starting construction, permittee shall submit plans and specifications of the outlet pipe, or alternative facility, to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights for approval. Before storing water in the reservoir, permittee shall furnish evidence which substantiates that the outlet pipe, or alternative facility, has been installed in the dam. Evidence shall include photographs showing completed works or certification by a registered Civil or Agricultural Engineer.

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14. Permittee shall install and properly maintain in the reservoir a staff gage, satisfactory to the SWRCB, for the purpose of determining water levels in the reservoir.

Permittee shall record the staff gage reading(s) on or about December 15 of each year. Such readings shall be supplied to the SWRCB with the next progress report submitted to the SWRCB by permittee.

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15. Whenever the prior storage rights of City of Napa (under Permit 6960 issued pursuant to Application 10990) are not satisfied by May 1 of any year, water collected to storage under this permit during the current collection season shall be immediately released at the maximum

practicable rate to the extent necessary to satisfy said prior downstream storage rights. Permittee shall not be obligated to release water in the reservoir below the previous December 15 staff gage reading unless permittee has withdrawn water from the reservoir for consumptive purposes since December 15.

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16. In accordance with section 1601, 1603, and/or Section 6100 of the Fish and Game Code, no work shall be started on the diversion works and no water shall be diverted under this permit until permittee has entered into a stream or lake alteration agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game and/or the Department has determined that measures to protect fishlife have been incorporated into the plans for construction of such diversion works. Construction, operation, and maintenance costs of any required facility are the responsibility of the permittee.

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17. The total quantity of water diverted under this permit, together with that diverted under the permit issued pursuant to Application 30484, shall not exceed 45 acre-feet.

(0000114)

**ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

(A) Permittee shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used to enable SWRCB to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code section 1605.

(B) The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.

(C) Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the SWRCB until a license is issued.

(D) Permittee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said SWRCB, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.

(E) Pursuant to California Water Code sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of SWRCB in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source.

Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

(F) The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the SWRCB if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the SWRCB finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

(G) This permit does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the permittee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Permittee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this permit.

This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

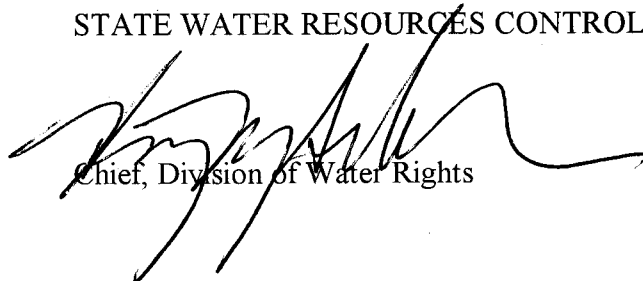
Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Dated: **MAY 15 2000**

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD



Chief, Division of Water Rights